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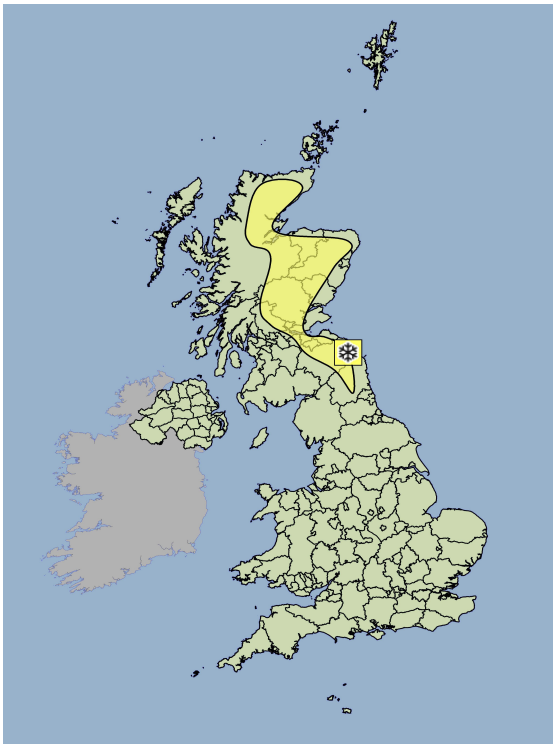

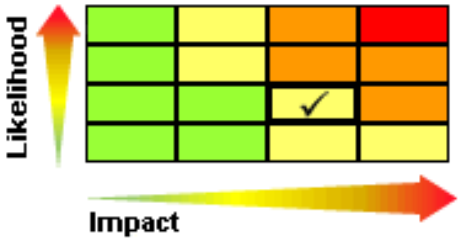

Chief Forecasters Assessment
Snowfall will become increasingly prolonged and heavy in places across northeast Britain, as a very cold easterly airmass sourced from Scandinavia becomes re-established on the northern side of the resident low pressure system. Conditions look likely to become especially poor for some upland areas, with atrocious travel conditions due to the combination of snow and strong winds. Many areas bordering the east coast, however, will see a more sleety mixture which will struggle to settle, at least on road surfaces.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Snow**

Valid from **10:00 on Mon, 18th Mar 2013** until **23:59 on Mon, 18th Mar 2013**

During Monday snow showers will merge to give more prolonged snowfalls across much of northeast and east Scotland and later in the day for parts of southeast Scotland and Northumberland. Snowfall will be most notable inland across Caithness, Sutherland, Moray, Aberdeenshire, Angus, East Perthshire and west Fife, especially later in the day; in these areas 5 to 10 cm of snow could accumulate by midnight with around 15 cm over upland areas. In other areas covered by the warning, accumulations will generally be less than 5 cm. However over all upland areas, the snow will drift in the strong easterly winds, (gusting to 40 to 50 mph widely), bringing significant drifting over many hill routes. Icy stretches will also develop later, adding to the hazardous conditions.

The public should be aware that some disruption to travel may well develop, and depending on subsequent information, this warning may be upgraded to Amber across parts of the region, most likely beyond Monday evening.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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  - Fife
  - Perth and Kinross
  - Stirling
- Grampian
  - Aberdeen
  - Aberdeenshire
  - Moray
- Highlands & Eilean Siar
  - Highland
- North East England
  - Northumberland
- SW Scotland, Lothian Borders
  - East Lothian
  - Edinburgh
  - Midlothian Council
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